

Wednesday, June 4, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5277–S5291

Family Friendly Workplace Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 4, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide to private sector employees the same opportunities for time-and-a-half compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, and flexible credit hour programs as Federal employees currently enjoy to help balance the demands and need of work and family, to clarify the provisions relating to exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, with a modified committee amendment, and the following amendments pending thereto: Pages S5281–91

Pending:

Grassley Amendment No. 253, to provide protections in bankruptcy proceedings for claims relating to compensatory time off and flexible work credit hours. Page S5281

Grassley Modified Amendment No. 256, to apply to Congress the same provisions relating to compensatory time off, biweekly work programs, flexible credit hour programs, and exemptions of certain professionals from the minimum wage and overtime requirements as apply to private sector employees. Page S5281

Gorton Modified Amendment No. 265, to prohibit coercion by employers of certain public employees who are eligible for compensatory time off under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and provide for additional remedies in a case of coercion by such employers of such employees. Page S5281

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 93), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to close further debate on the modified committee amendment. Pages S5290–91

Motion To Adjourn: By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 94), Senate agreed to a motion to adjourn. Page S5291

Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred: Page S5278

Amendments Submitted: Pages S5278–79

Authority for Committees: Page S5279

Additional Statements: Pages S5279–81

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—94) Page S5291

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m., and adjourned at 4:51 p.m., until 12 noon, on Thursday, June 5, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5291.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and defense related programs, receiving testimony from numerous public witnesses.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, June 11.

INTERNATIONAL AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation held hearings to examine the status of the bilateral aviation negotiations between the United States and the United Kingdom, focusing on the planned alliance of American Airlines and British Airways, receiving testimony from Senator Torricelli; Charles A. Hunnicutt, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs; John H. Anderson, Jr., Director, and Timothy Hannegan, Assistant Director, both for Transportation Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Robert L. Crandall, American Airlines, Inc., Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, Texas; Robert J. Ayling, British Airways, London, England; Stephen M. Wolf, US Airways, Arlington, Virginia; Richard Branson, Virgin Atlantic Airways Limited, West Sussex, United

Kingdom; and Sir Freddie Laker, Laker Airways, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Michael J. Armstrong, of Colorado, to be an Associate Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Campbell, Allard, Conrad, Dorgan and Representatives Skaggs and Pomeroy, testified and answered questions in his own behalf. Testimony was also received from James Lee Witt, Director, FEMA.

FBI OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded oversight hearings to review the administration and operations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, after receiving testimony from Louis J. Freeh, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

SMALL BUSINESS MANDATES

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine Federal efforts to reduce unfunded man-

dates, paperwork requirements, and certain regulations affecting the small business community, and provisions of S. 389 and H.R. 1010, bills to improve congressional deliberation on proposed Federal private sector mandates, receiving testimony from Senator Abraham; Representative Condit; Michael Brostek, Associate Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Angela Antonelli, Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Bob Spence, Faultless Laundry Company, Kansas City, Missouri; David S. Marsh, Marsh Plating Company, Ypsilanti, Michigan; Shelly Netherwood, Clarendon Flavor Engineering, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky; and Philip C. Hauck, Counselor Publishing Company, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION-INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

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Bills Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 1775–1793; and 1 private bill, H.R. 1794 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Conference report on H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 (H. Rept. 105–116);

H. Res. 160, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002 (H. Rept. 105–117);

H. Res. 161, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 105–118); and

Conference report on H.R. 1469, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping ef-

forts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997 (H. Rept. 105–119).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Hobson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Late Report: Conferees received permission to have until midnight tonight to file a conference report on H.R. 1469, making emergency supplemental appropriations for recovery from natural disasters, and for overseas peacekeeping efforts, including those in Bosnia, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

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Foreign Relations Authorization Act: The House completed all debate and began consideration of amendments to H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999. Consideration of amendments will resume on Thursday, June 6.

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